

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
MAY 15, 2007  
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kenneth Peeples, Rex Anderson and Harold Andrews;

County Administrator Darrell Hampton; Finance Director Phyllis Ayers; County Attorney Brian Ranck and Kimberly Ashe

Chairman Peeples called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

County Marshall Dan Merck gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVE AGENDA

Two additional items need to be added to the agenda as follows:

- (1) John Merck to present test results for roads in The Summit, and
- (2) Alan Smith to discuss Swilling Road grant project.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. APRIL 10, 2007 REGULAR MEETING
2. APRIL 17, 2007 CALLED MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. SET DATES TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS ABOUT BUDGET

The date of May 22nd was suggested and discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded to approve May 22nd. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2. JOHN MERCK OF THE SUMMIT

John Merck presented field report for review. Discussion followed. Commissioner Peebles stated that what the Commission was requiring had not been obtained. Attorney Brian Ranck spoke and it was agreed upon that the report was fine but it must be reviewed and signed off on by a Certified Licensed Engineer.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to table this matter and add this to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

## 3. ALAN SMITH TO DISCUSS SWILLING ROAD GRANT PROJECT

Mr. Smith stated that this grant has a maximum request amount of \$100,000. Discussion followed and a number of option were discussed. Mr. Smith pointed out that the County would be reimbursed entirely for all expenses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to request the entire \$100,000. Motion carried unanimously.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. TIMELINE FOR SPLOST V VOTE IMPLEMENTATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the timeline with one change of May 21st at 9:30. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. AWARD OF DUMP TRUCK BIDS

Bid results were presented by Administrator Hampton. Volvo, GMC of Charlotte, NC was the low bidder. Questions were raised about warranty work issues that may arise.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to table this matter until the May 22nd called meeting to allow time to research the warranty work issue. Motion carried unanimously.

3. UTILIZATION OF OLD HOSPITAL/COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, and seconded by Commissioner Peeples, to allow the appointment of a committee to research the possible utilization of the old hospital as the new jail operations center. Commissioner Anderson was opposed to this item. This motion was carried, by a two to one vote.

The committee selected is as follows: Sheriff Gene Sorrells, Commissioner Andrews, and Finance Director Ayers.

4. CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO PLAT FOR HIGHLANDS OF LAKE  
HARTWELL

County Attorney Brian Ranck and Alan Smith spoke in regards to the matter and much discussion followed stating the numerous problems and noncompliance of ordinances. Mr. Ranck and Mr. Smith suggested that the modification be denied and allowed to resubmit .

A motion to deny this plat modification was made by Commissioner Andrews, and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CITIZENS OF STEPHENS  
COUNTY

The proclamation honoring Stephens County residents for their response in the ceremony for Pvt. Ryen King was read by Administrator Hampton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to issue the proclamation as written. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADDRESSING HOUSE LEGISLATION  
811

County Administrator Hampton read the proposed resolution. Teresa Kelley spoke to explain Legislation 811. Commissioner Peeples stated that the bottom line would be that this Legislation, if it goes into effect, would serve less and cost more.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to approve and sign the prepared resolution stating opposition to 811. Motion carried unanimously.

V. INVOICES OVER \$5000

1. CONSIDER BIDS FOR RECREATION CONCESSION STAND.

The roofing bids were presented by Administrator Hampton. Yearwood Construction was the low bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to accept the low bid. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. MATTERS FROM DEPARTMENTS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Phyllis Ayers spoke briefly stating no new updates on the tax digest and she noted a 17% sales tax increase in the twelve months since the Super Walmart has been open.

VII. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PERSONEL MATTER

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Approved this \_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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Kenneth Peeples, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Ashe, Interim County Clerk